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NOTE FOR: Executive Assistant to the DDA

FROM:

John M. Ray

Director of Logistics

SUBJECT:

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Jim:

1. This in response to D/OIR's memo, dated 8 May, Subject: Thoughts on Reducing Bureaucracy.

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- 3. There is precious little that we can do to reduce bureaucracy in GSA--somewhat presumptuous, in my opinion, to even suggest such an unrealistic option. Furthermore, I do not believe that was the DDA's intent when he asked for suggestions to reduce bureaucracy.
- 4. We are putting tremendous pressure on GSA to solve the Map Library situation and, in fact, have in hand three potential relocation sites. We have, of course, kept OIR informed of these developments.

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Deputy Director
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DDA 87-1010 12 May 1987



NOTE FOR:

Executive Officer

Office of Logistics

SUBJECT:

Reducing Bureaucracy

Bill,

As you know, Bill Donnelly sent a memo to all Agency Office/Division Directors and asked them to identify bureaucratic stumbling blocks with which he can help. The attached memo from the Director of Information Resources describes an incident with GSA and space acquisition.

Could you ask someone to look into this and give me a call with any additional background information or suggestions. Bill would like to resolve as many problems as possible which are identified in these "reducing bureaucracy" responses.

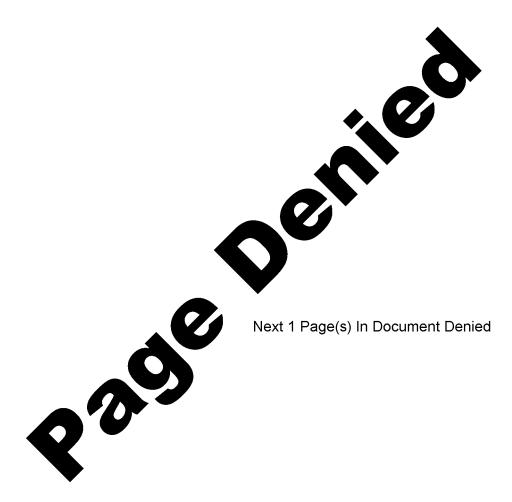
Thanks for your help.

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Hank & Bill,

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STAT-The attached memo from is in response to your "reducing bureaucracy" memo. Don suggests raising the Office Director's limit for awards to \$2000. The best way to respond to this would probably be orally, from one of you, since we just It be 8/2 have all 12 have to Speak will be 12 have all 12 have al raised the limit (I think) from \$500 to \$750.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Director of Communications

SUBJECT:

Reducing Bureaucracy

REFERENCE:

DDA 87-0700, dtd 1 April 1987, Same Subject

1. Following is the Office of Communications (OC) response to your request for thoughts on reducing bureaucracy. All OC Divisions and Staffs were given the opportunity to review your memorandum and respond with examples of bureaucratic "stumbling blocks". After reviewing their collective efforts, one issue emerged as being universally bureaucratic and difficult to resolve. Consequently, the topic addressed below is being submitted for further consideration in the spirit generated by the reference.

## TOPIC: Agency Awards System:

- a. The Agency has always attempted to excel in the recognition of its employees. The recently appointed Human Resource Modernization and Compensation Task Force is a testament to management's concerns in this area. However, even though the Agency's recognition of its employees has improved, the bureaucratic systems supporting the awards procedure have not kept pace. For background, Office heads in all Directorates have been delegated significant authorities to manage resources and promote personnel to relatively senior levels. Major segments of the budget are under their control and they hold significant reprogramming authority. Additionally, Office heads can assign personnel to numerous locations throughout the world and authorize their training and education within allocated resources.
- b. In view of these parameters, the authority of the Office head is significantly behind in the flexibility of being able to recognize Special Achievements and Exceptional

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Accomplishments. Currently, Office heads recommend these monetary awards but an inordinate amount of time exists before the award is available for presentation. Often the event or accomplishment looms as history before the recognition is presented. Office heads sometimes opt for a smaller award within their authority to provide speedier recognition.

## SOLUTION:

- a. In order to rectify the situation it is suggested that a greater delegation of award authority be given to the Office level. Recommend each Office be allocated a share of the awards coffer and be allowed to award up to \$2,000 for individual achievement or accomplishment. Additionally, suggest that the Office administration of this program be monitored through the use of a semi-annual report to the Directorate. Awards exceeding \$2,000 could continue to be processed in a manner similar to current procedure. In the event an Office head expends the delegated allotment prior to the end of the fiscal year, additional funds could be requested from the awards allotment or authorization given to reprogram office resources in order to provide additional funds for awards.
- b. If Office heads have an allotment of funds for awards it will serve to remind them and their staff of their responsibility to provide an appropriate level of employee recognition. This will also serve to place the awards at the level where the service is being performed and will provide the recognition in a more timely fashion.

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